GENERAL MILES ON THE WITNESS STAND

Opening Session of the Court of Enquiry.

Testimony Regarding Two Published Interviews.

Lientenant Colonel Davis Question the Commanding Officer for a Period of Two Hours.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles was a witness before the Beef Court of Enquiry today. He was the first called to testify and was questioned for over two hours by Lieutenant Colonel Davis, Recorder of the Court, leaving the stand at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon. The second witness was Colonel Van Horn, of the Thirteenth Infantry.

The Court of Enquiry which has been created to investigate the charges made by General Miles against the beef issued by the Commissary Department of the Army during the war with Spain met in the Lemon Building at 19 o'clock this morn-

After an executive session which lasted about half an hour the members of the Court visited the White House and acquainted President McKinley with the fact that the Court was ready to proceed with = the investigation which it was appointed

By the order of the President the Court is directed "to investigate certain allegathe Army in respect to the unfitness for issue of certain articles of food furnished by the Subsistence Department to the troops in the field during the recent operations Cubs and Perto Rico. In addition to the findings of facts the Court will submit an opinion upon the merits of the case, together with such recommendations as developed in the course of enquiry."

A Martial Aspect. There was a martial air about the session chumber. The members of the Court were in full dress uniform, and two sentinels, B. T. Polkerth, Battery K. Fifth Artillery, and J. W. Jett, Battery G. Fourth Artillery, stood guard at the door.

Lemon Building this morning was Lieutenant Colonel Davis, Recorder of the of the Court, Major General James F. Wade and Brigadier General George W. Davis, came together. J. W. Hulse, official stenographer of the Court, was the last

The members of the Court returned from the Executive Mansion at noon, Lieutenant Colonel Davis bringing with him two cans of roast beef. The Court was then photo-

The recorder announced that the Court was ready to proceed with the investiga- incorrect, and, if so, in what respect? tion, and then read the order creating the

"The first witness," said Colonel Davis, "whom it is proposed to examine is the Major General Commanding the Army. who is not now present."

General Miles Sworn. of the Court

amination which proceeded as follows: the Court your name and rank?

Miles, commanding United States army, and I have the testimony of some Commission appointed by the President to undergoing the process of embalming. investigate the conduct of the War Department during the war with Spain? General Miles-It was about that date,

though I am not positive at to the exact Colonel Davis-Well, about that time?

General Miles-Yes, sir. Colonel Davis-Did you submit a state ment before that Commission?

General Miles-Yes, sir. Colonel Davis-I have in my hand the printed report of that Commission in which incorporated the testimony which it appears you gave before that Commission and I will ask you to examine this report and tell the Court whether your testimony as it appears here is in substance correctif in the main it is as you gave it?

Endorses His Testimony.

General Miles was then handed the print ed report. Running his eyes quickly over those pages on which his testimony is printed be began to read deliberately Colonel Davis intercupted the witness with the suggestion that he answer whether in would be any plan pursued in the matter the main the report of his testimony ap-

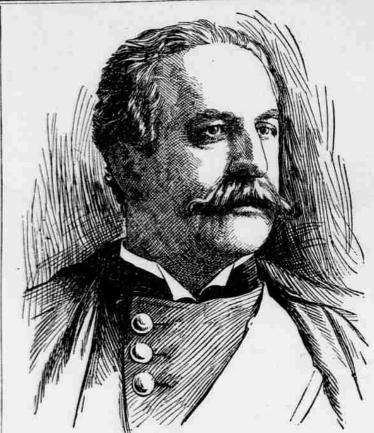
General Miles-I think so. appears to be an interview with you, other and weightier matters, such for which was printed in the "New York Journal" of the date of Friday, January 20. I will ask you If such an interview took place and whether it is correct, and

if incorrect in what respect is it so? General Miles, after reading the printed matter which Colonel Davis had handed to him, answered: "As you will notice, in this reported interview there occurs four or five times the statement that I do clined to discuss the beef controversy or to give the names of officers. I think that in this report I am not accredited with any nilegation which I had not already made in this room before the War Investigating Commission, and which is not to found also in the reports of officers

submitted to me and in my own report." General Miles' answer gave the impression that it was his belief that the re porter who had written the alleged interview had, after having seen General Miles and after having been refused an interview taken the published reports of testimony given before the Alger Relief Commission the General Commanding the Army,

Frequently Interviewed. Continuing, General Miles said: "During the last three or four months there has scarcely been a day that some one, either a member of the press, or one representing

himself as a member of the press, has not



MAJOR GENERAL NELSON A. MILES.

tions of the Major General Commanding enlisted men, I have made it a point to the in Porto Rico constitute an article of give these representatives of the press export just as coffee and sugar do."

such information as I could." Colonel Davis-Can you, from an examination of this report, say that the statements contained in it and which are attributed to you, were not made by you." General Miles-I do not even remember where this alleged interview took place or may seem to be warranted by the facts to whom it is reported that I gave it. I could not recognize the author of it if I were to see his face.

Colonel Davis-Does it incorrectly set forth what was said by you, as far as you

General Miles-In regard to the action of chemicals I would have to compare these statements with my report. As you un-The first of the officers to appear at the derstand, it has never been claimed that deleterious chemicals were introduced into the canned roast beef. It has been alleged Court. The next to arrive was Col. George that only the refrigerated beef was chem-1. Gillespic, and the remaining members | ically treated for the purpose of preserving

Colonel Davis-Are you prepared to say that in this interview you have been correctly quoted?

Incorrectly Quoted. General Miles-I do not think that it is

Colonel Davis-I have also in my hand an extract from the "New York Herald" of February 1, which purports to be an interview with you, and I will ask you if It Is

General Miles-I have received a letter from the gentleman who wrote this alleged interview in which he says that he is willing to swear that when he came to for an interview I refused to give out any information; that I said the conduct of the war was being investigated under proper authority, Colonel Davis administered the oath to and that I could not speak on this subject. ttention to this letter and will sworn, and at this juncture General Miles produce it when it is wanted. I might say, in addition, that I have overwhelm-General Miles took his seat on the right ing evidence that the beef was treated of General Davis and to the left of the chemically. I have the reports from varirecorder. Colonel Davis conducted the ex- ous army officers, in which they say that the beef did not look like the same char-Colonel Davis-General, will you state to acter of beef they had been using at thr army posts in this country, that it did not General Miles-Major Gen. Nelson A. taste like it, that it did not smell like it, Colonel Davis-General, about the 20th chemicals were found in the beef and that of December did you appear before the it smelled like dead human bodies that had

Colonel Davis rather insisted on a direcanswer from the witness as to whether the reported interview in the "Herald" was accurate or inaccurate.

General Miles-I have the statement, the written statement, of the man who wrote | months? this interview that I declined to be interviewed-that I had made my report and that I would not discuss the situation. Colonel Davis-Would you like to have

not take place? General Miles-Yes. Colonel Davis then handed to General

superiority of beef on the boof over refrigerated beef for the use of troops in

the field. Then Colonel Davis said: "What was your opinion about fresh meat for issue as rations to troops en-

geged in a campaign in the tropics?" Regarding Fresh Ment.

General Miles-I had no idea that there of furnishing fresh beef to soldiers in the field other than the plan pursu-Army ed in the American Colonel Davis-I have in my hand what 100 years. I was absorbed with instance as the organization, mobilization, and equipment of the troops and the general atrengthening of the army, so that it might be more powerful than the Spanish forces which it would have to meet. I had no idea that there was contemplated, or that there was to be any change in the plan of supplying the army with fresh beef. In the civil war and during the various Indian campaigns on our frontier a herd of fat cattle was the best means of providing soldiers with fresh beef. I assumed that the troops engaged in active operations against the Spanish would be supplied with fresh meat according the plan that had so

been followed. I had learned that the roads in eastern Cuba were impassable for wheeled vehicles but that cattle and horses could get along very well. It is a good grass country and the Spanish army had been supplied with native cattle. In Porto Rico I expected that the same conditions prevailed and the opinion was strengthened by the report of Captain Whitney, who as a spy-or rather, in disguise-made a tour of the island. He learned a great deal about the country

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come to me for information or for a state- ability of catte. As I had previously unment of some kind. As the press has been derstood, I learned that cattle abounded so generous in its treatment of the army in Porto Rico. In addition to supplying and particularly in its treatment of the one million natives with fresh meat, cat-

Beef on the Hoof.

Colonel Davis-You assumed, then, that beef for the army would be supplied on the hoof?

General Miles-Yes. Colonel Davis-What knowledge had you of the character of the cattle which would be supplied to the army in this way? General Miles—I expected that cattle whom was referred the bill to amend the would be shipped to Cuba from the United act authorizing the location of a Branch island before the war, but the herds had Sallors, has reported that the purpose of been depleted.

Porto Rico. Colonel Davis-What sort of grasses

grow in the cattle districts of Cuba and Porto Rico? General Miles-I never saw better grass anywhere than grows there.

Colonel Davis-Is the grass of the same kind that cattle in other countries are fed on: say bunch grass, buffalo grass, alfalfa, and so forth? General Miles-I cannot say.

Colonel Davis-Was it a form of grass that was familiar to you? General Miles-No Colonel Davis-You say in your report

that down there, there is the best cattle in General Miles-I did not say the best, but I did say it was as good as any other

cattle country in the world. Colonel Davis-Passing to the question of the character of the cattle, you say they gun Canal bill will pass. are the finest in existence. Are they large?

General Miles-No: they are not very large, but they appear to be very well bred. Colonel Davis-Are them exported? General Miles-I understood so.

Colonel Davis-To what countries are General Miles-I do not know.

Colonel Davis-To New York? General Miles-I hardly think so. Refrigerated Beef Still Used.

Colonel Davis-Is the refrigerated beet still used by the troops down there? General Miles-I presume so. Colonel Davis-It has been used for a

General Miles-I understand so. You must understand that the conditions which prevail there now and the conditions which prevailed there when the American troops your answer read that this interview did landed are very different. Then there were no refrigerator plants and not even enough ice to supply the hospitals.

Colonel Davis-Would not fresh beel Miles a copy of his report open at that killed in that latitude have to be consumplace where General Miles discusses the ed by the troops too soon after the death

The Usual Custom.

General Miles-No sir, the usual custom is to slaughter the cattle at about sunsel, hang the carcass up and issue the beef the next morning, and it is consumed by the men on the same day.

Colonel Davis-Would the native cattle when turned into beef spoil quicker than the refrigerated beef?

General Miles-No: not as quickly as the refrigerated beef, unless in that refrigerated beef preservatives had been used. It would last longer than the native fresh

beef. General Miles testified that he did not know that canned roast beef was being issued as part of the army rations until he reached Porto Rico, and that as soon as he did learn this he notified the Secretary of War that it was unfit for use and that an abundant supply of fresh native meat could be obtained. When asked by Colonel Davis as to whether he reported the condition of affairs as he found them in Porto Rico to the Commissary General, General Miles answered that he was not required under army regulations to report to that officer.

Colonel Davis asked General Miles again if he knew that canned roast beef was being issued to the troops in Cuba and Porto Rico before he arrived in the latter island. General Miles answered no.

He said that he knew that canned corned beef was issued, but it was upon his arrival in Porto Rico that he first heard of canned roast beef, and he formed the opinion there that it was being used as an experiment.

The Adjournment.

After hearing Lieutenant Colonel Charles Minor, of the Sixth Infantry, and Major Henry Jackson, of the Third Cavalry, the Court adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a

THE ARMY BILL TAKEN UP. The Senate Proceeds to the Consideration of the Measure.

At 2 o'clock today in the Senate Mr. Hawley interrupted Mr. Butler, who was speaking on the Postoffice appropriation bill, and moved that the Hull army bill be taken up. Mr. Quay and Mr. Pettigrew objected, and Mr. Hawley called for a quorum, and then stated that he had waited as long as he could: that the army legislation was all important, and he demanded an unconditional surrender.

It was explained that if this motion pre vailed it would displace the unfinished business-the Anti-Scalping bill. Mr. Cuilom made a plea that the unfinished business be only temporarily laid aside, and concluded by asking unanimous consent that this be the order. Mr. Pettigrew objected. The motion of Mr. Hawley was then put

and the roll call resulted in its adoption, the vote being yeas, 44, and nays, 26 This makes the Hull Army bill the unfinished business of the Senate. Mr. Butler made objection to being tak-

en off the floor, but the Chair ruled that he lost the floor at the end of the morning hour, 2 o'clock. The bill was then ordered read.

NAVAL PERSONNEL BILL. sidered in the Senate.

In the invocation at the opening of the Senate this morning the death of Mrs. Zach Chandler was touchingly referred to. The vote on the Navai Personnel bill was reconsidered this morning at the request of Mr. Chandler, and the House requested to return the bill to the Senate for correction, Mr. Chandler stating that there were several slight mistakes in the bill.

The Postoffice appropriation bill was sken up for consideration on the request of Mr. Quay, and Mr. Butler took the floor on an amendment effered by him to reduce the amount for railway transportation of the mails from \$20,500,000 to \$24,500,000. It is the intention of the Military Committee to bring up army legislation as soon as the Postoffice bill is disposed of.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

House Committee's Action on the Bill to Admit to Soldiers' Homes. The Committee on Military Affairs, to States. Cattle had been plentiful in that Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and the amendment is merely to admit to the Colonel Davis—Had you given considera-tion of the question as to how beef served to the army in this manner would work in a tropical country?

National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and Sailors all honorably dis-charged volunteer soldiers and sailors of the late wer with Spain upon the same terms and conditions as those who served General Miles—Troops in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico have been long supplied in this way, and in those regions the heat is more intense than it is in Cuba or in Porto River.

TO WIDEN NINETEENTH STREET

ient to commend it to favorable consider-

House. The House this morning concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill widening Nineteenth Street northwest.. The bill now goes to the President. The bill authorizes the Commissioner

of the District to widen Nineteenth Street extended northwest, as now established, to a width of 90 feet from Florida Avenue to Ex-Spanish Minister at Washington Columbia Road, and to connect Wyoming Avenue with Columbia Road.

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

A General Belief That the Measure Will Be Passed. It is generally believed that the Nicarr

Chairman Hepburn, of the Commerc Committee, will support the River and Harbor bill as amended by the Senate. He will surrender his aversion to the general principles of the bill in order to save the Nicaragua Canal.

THE NAVAL ACADEMY. Resolution to Suspend Construction

of the Buildings. Representative Boutelle of Maine, Chair man of the Committee on Naval Affairs, has introduced a resolution relating to the Naval Academy, which he hopes to pass today under suspension of the rules and which is nearly identical with the paragraph stricken out of the Naval appropriation bill on Saturday on a point of order The resolution suspends the construction of the buildings provided for a year ago and authorizes a commission to examine the situation and make recommendation Mr. Mudd, who opposed the adoption of

the paragraph in the Naval appropriation bill on Saturday last, will naturally make a fight against the resolution

Enquiry Into Army Expenses.

The Senate this afternoon passed a reso lution offered by Mr. Cockrell directing the Secretary of War to submit a detailed statement showing the cost of maintaining the United States Army as it existed by law prior to April 20, 1898, and the cost of maintaining it as it is proposed to be organized by the House bill, as amend ed and presented to the Senate by Senator Hawley and giving the aggregate pay of the staff, the general officers, and regimental officers and the enlisted n and the cost of maintaining the Quarter master's Department, the Subsistence, the Medical, and the Ordnance Departments, the Signal Corps, and the Pay Depart-ment, not including the pay of officers and enlisted men.

Postoffice Commission Fails to Meet The special Senate committee to investigate the new City Postoffice in reference to the time of construction, material used, etc., was to have held a meeting today but a quorum of the committee fa appear and no business was done.

STATE RIGHTS OVER RAILWAYS Claims of Ohio Affirmed by the Su

preme Court. The Supreme Court today rendered a de cision in the case of the Michigan Southern Rallway against the State of Ohio. The decision of the lower court is affirmed con ceding the right of the State to require all The opinion of the Court is regarded as important from the fact that it recognize the right of the States to legislate in re-

Policemen Retire on Pension. In accordance with the recommendation of the Police Retiring Board, Policemen Augustus Brown and F. L. Allen, have been retired by the District Commission-ers on a pension of \$50 per month each Each has been declared unfit for duty be-

cause of long service.

FURTHER ARRESTS OF YOUNG ROYALISTS

Disturbers Arraigned in Paris Police Courts Today.

Men Holding Titles and Gentlemen of Fortune Among Them.

Organization of an Anti-Clerical League in the French Metropolis-A War on Churches.

Paris, Feb. 20.—One hundred and five out his two small daughters were injured, our of 280 persons arrested for taking part in of them probably fatally. the disorders of Saturday night and yes-

They include prominent titled members of the Young Royalist Association and a tlemen of fortune. There have been 160 further arrests of disorderly persons.

An anti-clerical agitation has begun to age with bitterness. An anti-clerical league has been organized with a large membership. Its members are mostly athe-ists but claim that the church is under-mining the state and that their motives are most patriotic. On the highest point of land in Paris there is a new Catholic Church which the anti-clericals describe as "dominating the city." They are now raising a fund to erect a

huge manument on a lot next door to the church to commemorate the crucities of the inquisition, their purpose being that the church shall be within the shadow of

KIND WISHES OF MR. M'KINLEY. ongratulations by Cable to the New

President of France. Secretary Hay has sent the following ablegram to Ambassador Porter at Paris: dent Loubet the President's most cordial congratulations on his elevation to the Chief Magistracy of the French Republic and the sincere wishes of the Government and people of the United States for the ual welfare of the French nation.

PLEASED WITH LOUBET. Satisfaction in Europe Over the

French Situation. London, Feb. 20.-The election of M. Loubet to the Presidency of France, has aused a sense of relief and gratification throughout Europe.

The feeling that a coup d'etat was imminent in France has been dissipated and there is fresh belief in the stability of the

SON BORN TO EGYPT'S THRONE Rejoicing in Alexandria Over the

Birth of an Heir. Alexandria, Feb. 20.-The Khedivah was today delived of a son. There is great re-joicing at the birth of an heir expectant to the throne. The Khedivah is already the mother of

POLO GOES TO PORTUGAL.

Stationed Near Home. Madrid, Feb. 20 .- Senor Polo y Bernabe ormerly Spanish minister to the United States, has been appointed minister to Por-

EXPELLED FROM PARIS.

A News Correspondent Ousted Be-

a sending dispatches of M. Loubet's elec-TWO HUNDRED PAIRED. Fourteen Ballots Cast Today at Har-

risburg. Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 20.-The joint sea sion today was the greatest farce in the history of the Senatorial deadlock. Two hundred members of the senate and Two hundred members of the support of the bullet were paired, and the others, with a bullet were missing. The ballot resulted: Quay, 9; Jenks, 4; Grow, 1.

TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock Now Secretary of the Interior. At 11 o'clock this morning Chief Justice Fuller administered the oath of office to Ethan Allen Hitchcock, the new Secretary

of the Interior. The Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary Hitchcock's predecessor, and the new Sec retary called on President McKinley preto the formal transfer of the In-

Secretary Hitchcock will relieve former Secretary Bliss today, but will probably not assume full control of the office until he returns from a contemplated nusiness trip to St. Louis.

present Secretary will spend most of their time at the department, where Mr. Bliss will acquaint his successor with the in-tricacies of the office. An informal recep-tion is to be given to the chiefs of the various departments in the Secretary's room. when Mr. Bliss will bid farewell to his clerks and introduce the new Secretary.

Wednesday Mr. Bliss will leave for his home in New York city.

home in New York city.

Tonight Senator Hanna will give a box party at the Columbia Theatre in honor of Secretary Hitchcock.

Tomorrow night President McKinley and the members of his Cabinet will dine at the Arlington Hotel as the guests of Senator presented to his new associates.

WARSHIPS REACH BERMUDA.

Gan Captain Brownley, of the Indinna, Lost Overboard. The battleship Indiana and the cruise New York, the nucleus of Admiral Sampson's squadron of evolution which left New

this morning.
William J. Brownley, gun captain, first class, was swept overboard from the In diana during the passage and drowned. Brownley was born at Stamin. Norway, twenty-seven years ago and enlisted in navy in 1893. No Tidings of the Bulgaria.

York last Thursday, arrived at Bermuda

London, Feb. 20 .- There is still no news of the missing Hamburg-American steamer Bulgaria. The ocean tug Warrior which has been sent from Newport to the Azores to search for the Bulgaria, will take the direct course in which the steam er probably drifted.

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AGONCILLO ON HIS TRAVELS. Passes Through Albany on His Way to England.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.-Agoncillo, who epresented the Filipinos at Washington and fled to Canada upon the outbreak of nostilities between the natives of the Philippines and the United States troops, passed through here this morning on his way to New York. He says he expects to sail for England by the St. Faul on Wednesday. He left Montreal suddenly last night soon after the arrival of the Filipino delegates who reached America a few days

SHOT HIS LITTLE COUSINS. Evil Effects of a Boy Handling a

Londed Gun. Newburg, N. Y., Feb. 20.-A shooting accident occurred Saturday morning at the home of Eugene White, a farmer, n.ar Ludingtonville, Putnam county, in which

While Mr. and Mrs. White were out in terday were brought up in the police courts the barnyard milking cows their acphew. ten years old, took down Mr. White's gun, which was hanging on the wall, get-ting upon a chair to get it. The gun went off, wounding Mr. White's daughter, five number of barristers, professors and gen- years old, in the neck and shoulders in a dangerous manner. Another child, three years old, received some of the shot in the face and shoulder and had her forefinger

JESSE JAMES ON TRIAL.

shot away

harged With Complicity in a Railway Train Robbery.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20. The trial of crystals are but slowly yielding to the lesse James, son of the noted bandit of powers of Old Sol. that name, on the charge of train robbery,

"You will appropriately convey to Presicet Loubet the President's most cordial
ongratulations on his elevation to the
like Magisiracy of the French Republic

The crime for which Jesse James is on
trial was the holding up of a Missouri Patrial was the holding up of a Missouri Pa-

Successful Operations Claimed in Forts Around Rome. Rome, Feb. 26.-Experiments are going

on in the forts around this city with Marioni's wireless telegraph. The engineers have succeeded beyond all expectations. On March 2, all the fortifications around Rome will be placed in communication by means of the wireless apparatus.

ARRIVAL OF THE HELENA. Valuable Addition to Admiral Dew-

cy's Fleet of Warships. Admiral Dewey this morning informed the Navy Department that the gunboat Helena arrived at Manila with all well on piers of that structure, and at a late hour board. The Helena left Boston November , and progressed as follows:

Bermuda, November 10: Funchal, Azores, December I; Gibraltar, December S; Algiers, December 15; Naples, December 17; Athens, January 10: Port Said, January 14; Aden, January 21: Colombo, January 1; Singapore, February 12.

31: Singapore, February 12.

The Helena is the first of the United States vessels built particularly for service in Asiatic waters that has reached that station. Her remarkably light draft enables her to navigate narrow and crooked streams S feet in depth, while her armament was arranged altogether with a view of preserving order ashore. She has an armored military must, in which machine guns are mounted 50 feet above the water. These guns are able to reach the country for miles around, especially where the Paris, Feb. 20.—The correspondent of the "Neue Freie Presse" of Vienna, has been expelled by the authorities here for remarks made by him on the Dreyfus case in sending distance of Malolos and other in striking distance of Malolos and other in surgent strongholds. It is the belief here that Admiral Dewey will put her to work

at once in concerted operations with the Four other gunboats similar to the Hel-ena are now on the way to join Admiral Dewey, and will reach him within the next two weeks.

Chaplain Thompson Dead at Manile. The following dispatch was received

from General Otis this morning: Manila, Febru Mattila, February 19.
Chaplain John R. Thempson, First Washington Infantry, died in bespital, this vity, at 5:19 p. m., February 19. of acute enterpolitis.

ALLEGES GIMM WAS DRUGGED. Ugly Rumors Connected With San Francisco's Bieyele Race.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.-An ugly story in connection with the six-day bicycle New England, where they will be brisk to race, which ended yesterday with Miller high. as the winner, has come to light, and, if Atlantic coast from Sandy Hook to Forttrue, explains the sudden change in the hand, riding of Gimm, who led the race for three

His trainer alleges that Gimm was drug ged by persons interested in the bet Physicians who examined Gimm unanimous in the belief that drugs were

PLACE FOR PRISONERS WANTED Authorities Inconvenienced by the

Workhouse Quarantine. The workhouse being under quarantine, ook for some other place to incarcerate the prisoners who are convicted in the Police Court for the next few days. They will be confined in the cells at the Ninth and Fifth precinct stationhouses un emporary workhouse. The District Commissioners held a con-

sultation on the matter this morning is understood that they prefer a building in the suburbs, but if one cannot be re-cured will use a school house for the pur-

Mustering Out the Volunteers.

Orders have been given at the War Department to muster out the following volinteer regiments at Savannah, Ga.: Third Georgia; Batteries A. B. C. D. Maine Artillery, and 202d New York, In addition, the Third Alabama, Third Connecticut, Fifth Massachusetts, Thirty-fifth Michigan, Fifteenth Minnesota, Fourth New Jersey, 201st New York., 202d New York, Tenth Ohio, First Ithode Island, and Second West Virginia will be mustered out at their present camps at Augusta and Green-

Dividend Declared.

ville. This order discharges all of the vol-

unteer force remaining in the United

The Compte- ve of the C ney today lectored n-fit favor of the tional Bank of Emperia, Kaus, on claims proved amounting to \$413,305.

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CONDITION OF THE RIVER UNCHANGED

No Immediate Danger of a Flood in This City.

Work of the Ice Fleet on the Upper and Lower Potomae.

The Situation at Williamsport, Camberland, and Harper's Ferry. Weather Burena Bulletin.

WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST. For the District of Columbia, Enstern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, generally fair tonight and Tuesday;

fresh south to west winds. river conditions along the Potomac.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon there was no indication that the expected flood had started on its journey toward this city. Despite the balmy weather and the warm sun rays that heat down upon the hills of ice on the Upper Potomac, the frozen

The ice on the river has been broken as began in criminal court here today. It is far as the Aqueduct Bridge and the ice

Jackson county.

On the result of the trial will depend the liberty of zix men and perhaps the lives of several, as train robbery is a capital offence in Missouri, at the discretion of the true. tal offence in Missouri, at the discretion of the jury. Able attorneys will assist the State prosecutor, and the defendant will be represented by some of the most prominent members of the Missouri bar.

The crime for which here will be a long of the same of the gradual melting of the same of the same of the surrounding hillsides is gradually than and that the same on the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual that the same on the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual that the same on the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual that the same of the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual that the same of the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual that the same of the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual that the same of the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual that the same of the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual than the same of the surrounding hillsides is gradually than a gradual than the same of the

ex-railroad man, he and five others participated in the hold up.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY THE POSTURE AT THE INTERIOR AND ASSESSED COUNTY THE POSTURE AT THE POSTUR

At Harper's Ferry.

Weather Bureau officia's state that ad-

vices from Harper's Ferry are to the ef-

On the lower Potomac the Estelle Ran-

fect that there is no chance of a rise in the Potomic at that point. The conditions are unchanged, they say, and until a heavy thaw there is no danger of a rush of waters from the watershed of the lo-

dall, the Davis, and the Winship are working today in the vicinity of Mount Ver-Lon, and are experiencing little difficulty in breaking the ice.
At the Long Bridge the Mobler, the Fannie Gibert, the Minerva and a tug boat are attacking the ice foces about the

this afternoon had succeeded in breiking up a considerable portion of the ice. General Weather Conditions. The weather indications and general forecast state that there is nothing of interest on the weather map this evening except the succession of low areas ov.; the extreme North, there being three dis-

that ones between Manitoba and the north Atlantic Ocean. The depression also covers the remainder of the country cust of the Rocky Mountains, except the routh Atlantic States Fair weather has been general, except in the upper Mississippi Valley and from the lake regions eastward, where there were very light rains and snows. There was also rain on the southern Texas coast. The temperatures have risen from 2 16 degrees, except in the Northwest, where they have fallen about the same amount. There are, however, no low

temperatures in any portion of the coun-During the twenty-four hours ending & a. m. Sunday there were rains in the At-fantic States and Onio Valley, followed by clearing weather, and rains and snows in

the lake regions. In the plateau region and on the Pacific const generally fair weather has continue1 with slight changes in temperature. Cloudy weather is indicated for the lower lake region and New England and generally fair weather in the remaining districts southwestward and southward, ex-cept in the lower portion of the west Guif States, where there will be rain tonight.

There will be no decided changes in temperature and warm weather will con-tinue throughout the East and South for at least two or three days longer. Fresh to brisk southerly winds will preog the Atlantic coast, except

Storm signals are displayed along the

DISTRICT NAVAL BATTALION. Entire Enlisted Force Ordered Abourd the Fern. General Harries, commanding the Dis-

lowing order:

The commanding officer of the Naval Battailor s directed to issue such orders and take such secondless as may be necessary, in view of a soluble trealert in the Putomac, to save life and The workhouse being under quarantine, property in any threatened or submarged parties it has become necessary for the police to lef the District of Columbia.

trict National Guard, today issued the fel-

Immediately upon receipt of the above order Lieur. S. P. Hopkins, executive officer of the Naval Battalton, issued the fol-

NO FLOOD IN THE SCHUYLKILL. The Ice Melting and Running Out

Gradually. Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—The Schuylkill River continued to rise a few inches yesterday, but the prospect of a disastrous freshet has lessened with the clearing weather and the absence of ice gorges. The ice on the river is soft and full of air holes, but it has kept from breaking up, and seems to be gradually melting with the sun and rains.

No ice went over the dam at the Fair-

mount water works yesterday, but be on the dam the rush of water broke up the Callowhill Street bridge, and threatens the small steam launches anchored there. Many people went to view the Schuyl-kill at Chestnut Street and at the water works, expecting to see some immense ice floes, but to all appearances the river was unchanged from its usual as-pect and was the most ordinary of sights.

The Susquehanna River. Port Deposit, Md., Feb. 20 .- There is

no change in the condition of the Susque-hanna River at this point. Above and below the ice and the water are normal